

PROTEST AGAINST SUBJECTS OF PAINTED WINDOWS IN ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, ST. HELIER'S.—The *Jersey Times* of 30th ult. has a supplement, containing a memorial, signed "Philip de Carteret," on behalf of himself and other subscribers to the St. Luke's building fund, and addressed to the bishop of the diocese, protesting against the designs, representations, and inscriptions on the painted windows recently put up over the communion-table and on the south side of the chancel of the church. One of the windows over the communion-table contains a representation of "The Virgin Mary and our Saviour;" a full length figure of St. Luke; "Christ in the Manger." Another contains a representation of the "Ascension of our Saviour," a full length figure of "Christ, Salvator Mundi," and "Christ on the Cross." Another has the representation of St. James, and "The Agony of our Saviour in the Garden." A window on the south side of the chancel has some smaller figures, with the following inscription at the bottom, all in continuation:—"In honour of God, in memory of James Hemery, Jane Hemery, and Jane Dupré." The protesters consider all such representations, and particularly those of the second and third persons of the Trinity, objectionable, and contrary to the Act of the 3 & 4 Edward 6, "for abolishing and putting away divers books and images," which Act, though repealed in the reign of Queen Mary, was revived by an Act of the 1st James 1. They acknowledge that these windows were not paid for out of the building fund. The church is about to be consecrated. In the supplement the protest is followed by "Extracts from the Homily 'against peril of idolatry and superfluous decking of churches.'"

THE PORTLAND BREAKWATER.—This great work still progresses. Upwards of 60 tiers of piles, according to the *Sherborne Journal*, are now erected, each being 30 feet apart. The timbers, after pickling till black in a tank, are fitted at the lower end with a large iron screw, weighing 60 pounds, and each pile being now ready for use is towed off by a boat, the bottom being secured so as not to sink until it gets to the required spot. When arrived there it is let go, the bottom part, of course, sinks, and the pile stands perpendicularly in its appointed place. It is then screwed into the ground from the top by the workmen. A large chimney has just been completed, which communicates with the blacksmiths' shops, where the screws and other iron works are made. The present contractor, Mr. Lecher, has 1,000 feet to construct. Great advantage is already derived by the shipping which put into the roads from the part already constructed.

ON HEATING ENGINE-BOILERS BY GAS.—A paper was read on Thursday week by Mr. J. H. Charnock, of Wakefield, before the Society for promoting public improvements in the borough of Leeds, in which he advocated the use of gas as fuel, in mitigation of the smoke nuisance, at same time suggesting means of cheapening the manufacture of the gas, and pointing to the prospect of great improvements in this branch of science, and the desirableness of substituting pure hydrogen, the result of burning which would obviate all mischief either from smoke or from choke damp, nothing but mere aqueous vapour being yielded by its combustion. We may at another time enter further into the subject of the paper before us.

PRIZE ESSAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GREAT EXHIBITION.—Mr. B. Oliveira has offered a premium of fifty guineas for an essay on Portugal, in connection with the objects of the Great Exhibition, embracing amongst other points, the capabilities of Portugal for consuming the manufactures of Great Britain; the effect of the present high duties on the wines of Portugal imported into Great Britain; the effect of railroads in the kingdom of Portugal as means of developing the resources of the country, &c. Mr. Oliveira proposes to give the premium in cash, or in a gold medal of equal value, at the option of the successful competitor.

SHIFTING BRICK HOUSES.—A block, three stories high, has been safely removed 10 feet 6 inches backwards, at the instance of the commissioners for widening the streets of an American town. As possibly the plan might be of use in some of the towns of old England, where the old and narrow thoroughfares are choked by the traffic of our free-trade age, we subjoin the *modus operandi*. Concave cast-iron plates are prepared, the foundation of the wall cut away, and two plates facing each other inserted, with cannon balls between them. On these plates and balls, placed under all the walls, the whole building rests. Three screws are applied, and the whole building is rolled upon them any distance. These plates and balls are removed one by one, and the bricks replaced. It is estimated that the block weighed 7,000 tons. It was rolled on one hundred and twenty balls, and was removed, after the plates were set, in about two hours' time.—*Boston paper*.

RUMOURD RESTORATION OF THE RUINS OF JERUSALEM.—A very grand scheme is said to have been proposed by (*mirabile dictu!*) the Grand Turk himself for the restoration of Jerusalem to the Jews, the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple, and the conversion of "Jerusalem that now is" into "the new Jerusalem." According to the *Suisse de Berne*, of April 13, "A correspondent writes from Constantinople, on April 1, that the Divan has hit upon a very original plan for settling the question of the holy places. The four pashas of Syria are to be granted to M. Rothchild for the sum of 20,000,000*l.* to be paid into the treasury of the Sultan; and, upon the sum of 2,000,000*l.* being paid to France, she will renounce her pretensions. Russia and England will each receive 1,000,000*l.* It is not yet settled whether M. Rothchild will take the title of king, emir, or bey. It is certain that he intends to restore the ruins of Jerusalem and Antioch, and to rebuild Solomon's Temple."

A FRESCO BY JULIO ROMANO FOR THE NATIONAL GALLERY.—A package is on its way hither by the steamer *Genova*, from Leghorn, containing a fresco by Julio Romano, sent by Lord Overstone, who is in Italy, for the National Gallery.

CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S ORPHAN SCHOOL.—The first stone of the proposed school-house at Brixton, for freemen's orphans, was laid by the Lord Mayor on the 27th ult. The site of the new school is in Shepherd's-lane, and close to the London Almshouses, which were originally founded with the money collected for illuminating the City on the occasion of the passing of the Reform Bill. The building, which has been designed by Mr. Bunning, the City architect, will consist of a school for 100 boys and girls, and it is to be so constructed that it can be made to suit the requirements of 200 children, if means hereafter should be found to educate and support that number. We noticed the design some time since, and the architect's intention as to sculpture. The Messrs. Piper are the builders; the amount of the contract is said to be 13,000*l.*

INAUGURATION OF THE RUTLAND STATUE AT LEICESTER.—This statue was inaugurated in the Market-place of Leicester, on 28th ult. Our opinion of it has already been given.

PROVISION FOR AFTER-LIFE.—It appears that six hundred thousand pounds is shortly to be given as bounties to militia-men. Will that not have a demoralising influence on the country? Would it not be more rational that the money should be applied to make a provision for their old age, which would give them a new interest in the state. Let each militia-man convert his bounty into a deferred annuity for the above object. According to returns by the Rev. J. T. Becher, M.A. to a committee of the House of Commons, 1825, 6*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* paid by a person of the age of twenty, will secure for him 4*s.* a week for life after he attains the age of sixty-five; 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* paid by a person of the age of twenty, will secure for him 8*s.* a week for life when he attains the age of seventy.—*CADOGAN WILLIAMS*.

VALUE OF LAND IN THE CITY OF LONDON.—According to a contemporary, three ancient freehold houses in Cornhill were sold at the auction mart for 32,000*l.* equivalent (with reference to site of ground occupied), to 400,000*l.* per acre.

GRANT FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.—A Parliamentary paper shows that for 1852-53 the grant required for public works and buildings is 621,231*l.* In the preceding year the sum voted was 508,653*l.* and in 1850 587,504*l.*

THE EXHIBITION BUILDING.—Our readers must have been prepared for the vote in the House of Commons against the retention of the building, and the fact that it must consequently come down. Amongst other plans submitted to us, Mr. C. B. Allen proposes the conversion of the materials into a pyramid based on an area equal to that of the Great Egyptian pyramid. Another correspondent, W. B. would wish "the iron railing which at present surrounds the structure, to remain exactly as it now stands, the enclosed space to be converted into an ornamental shrubbery, with walks open to the public; a statue of his Royal Highness Prince Albert to be placed at the east or west end, with such other appropriate ornaments as good taste may suggest." For our own part, we still lean to our former suggestion that the exact outline of the area should be planted with trees.

TENDERS

For Hide and Case Warehouses, St. Katherine's Docks. Mr. G. Alcheson, Architect:—

Jackson	£8,351	0	0
Grimesdell	6,083	0	0
Ashby and Horner	6,080	0	0
Lee	6,080	0	0
Mansfield	5,880	0	0
Cabitt	5,880	0	0
J. Anson	5,460	0	0
Low	5,460	0	0
Piper	5,237	0	0
Little (accepted)	5,003	0	0

Separate tenders for the ironwork. Messrs. Grimesdell accepted.

For Vaults in the line of New Cannon-street, for the Corporation of London. Mr. J. B. Bunning, Architect:—

Cabitt	£1,715	0	0
Holland	1,341	0	0
Pritchard	1,346	0	0
Lee	1,280	0	0
Piper	1,100	0	0
Bowcher, jun.	1,100	0	0
Browne	1,847	0	0
Jay	1,673	0	0

For alterations to Balliol College, Oxford. Mr. Salvis, Architect:—

Castle, Oxford	£9,085	10	0
Holland	8,989	0	0
Nowell	8,880	0	0
Lucas, Brothers	8,346	0	0
Wyatt, Oxford	8,280	0	0
Smith	8,182	0	0
Kelk	7,986	0	0

Quantities supplied.

For House and Office Sharnford-park, near Tunbridge Wells, for the Hon. Percy Ashburnham. Mr. Lewis Vulliamy, Architect:—

Ford, Rochester	£7,868	0	0
Holland	6,937	0	0
Lucas, Brothers	6,800	0	0
Constable, Penarth	6,340	0	0

Quantities supplied.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"E. R." (declined with thanks), "M. M." (ditto). "P. W." (the term "story" applies to any series of apartments on the same level), "H. W." (H. W. whose walls are so thin that conversation on the other side is heard, will scarcely be able to remedy the inconvenience without thickening the wall. Battening and canvas care fully executed would lessen the sound), "G. M.", "G. J. R.", "E. A.", "Teddy the Tyler", "G. T. J." (was roof drawn from the example, or from published account?), "H. and B.", "Season Ticket Holder", "A subscriber" (under our mark), "H. R." (ditto), "F. P.", "W. J.", "E. B.", "E. H. M." (shall hear from us), "T. W. F. J.", "E. H.", "R. L. S.", "Monotect", "J. T. D.", "W. P.", "F. E.", "J. A. G.", "W. M.", "Q." (we regret that our views are not always similar), "Tyro" (misunderstood us; "Anti-Humbag" was simply the acknowledgment of another signature. We gave him no reply, because we announce every week that we cannot point out books). "Books and Addresses."—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

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